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5 CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for using user location information to customize
10 information in a Web portal, the method comprising the steps of:
receiving user location information from a user;
receiving a request for application specific information from the user;
selecting pertinent application specific information based on the user
location information; and
15 transmitting the pertinent application specific information to the user.
2. The method of Claim 1 further including the step of receiving the user
location information in accordance with WAP (wireless application protocol)
communication standards.
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3. The method of Claim 1 further including the step of transmitting the
pertinent application specific information to the user in accordance with WML
communication standards.
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4. The method of Claim 1 further including the steps of:
receiving the user location information from the user via a portable
handheld device; and
transmitting the pertinent application specific information to the
portable handheld device of the user.
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5 5. The method of Claim 1 wherein the user location information is a
current address of the user.

6. The method of Claim 1 wherein the user location information is a
geographical coordinate of the user.

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7. The method of Claim 1 wherein the application specific information of
the user is calendar information for the user, and wherein the pertinent
application specific information is information regarding the location of
calendar events with respect to the user location.

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8. The method of Claim 1 wherein the application specific information of
the user is hotel information, and wherein the pertinent application specific
information is information regarding the location of hotels with respect to the
user location.

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9. The method of Claim 1 wherein the application specific information of
the user is appointment information for the user, and wherein the pertinent
application specific information is information regarding the location of
appointments with respect to the user location.

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10. The method of Claim 1 wherein the user location information is zip
code information entered by the user.

30 11. The method of Claim 1 wherein the user location information is
associated with a location name, and wherein the user selects a particular

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5 location by selecting a particular location name from a menu of location names
presented by a portable handheld device.

12. In a client/server computer system, a method for using user location
information to customize information presented to a portable handheld device,
10 the method comprising the steps of:

receiving user location information from a user;

receiving a request for application specific information from the user;

selecting pertinent application specific information based on the user
location information; and

transmitting the pertinent application specific information to the user,
the pertinent application specific information to the user in accordance with
WML communication standards.

13. The method of Claim 12 further including the step of receiving the
user location information in accordance with WAP (wireless application
protocol) communication standards.

14. The method of Claim 12 wherein the user location information is a
current address of the user.

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15. The method of Claim 12 wherein the user location information is a
list of predefined locations for the user or a list of previous locations of the user.

16. The method of Claim 12 wherein the application specific information
30 of the user is calendar information for the user, and wherein the pertinent

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5 application specific information is information regarding the location of
calendar events with respect to the user location.

17. The method of Claim 12 wherein the application specific information
of the user is hotel information, and wherein the pertinent application specific
10 information is information regarding the location of hotels with respect to the
user location.

15 18. The method of Claim 12 wherein the application specific information
of the user is appointment information for the user, and wherein the pertinent
application specific information is information regarding the location of
appointments with respect to the user location.

20 19. The method of Claim 12 wherein the default user location
information is zip code information entered by the user.

25 20. The method of Claim 12 wherein the user location information is
associated with a location name, and wherein the user selects a particular
location by selecting a particular location name from a menu of location names
presented by a portable handheld device.